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BACK LIGHT MODULE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the invention:

The present invention relates to a back light module, and more particularly, to a
5 back light module in which the diffuser board has bottom support rods that support
the diffuser board in shape.

2. Description of the Related Art:

A back light module is an essential assembling component of the display screen of a notebook computer or LCD monitor, generally including a lampshade or
10 lamp case, lamp tubes fixedly mounted in the lampshade or lamp case, and a diffuser board (light guide plate). FIG. 1 illustrates a back light module according to the prior art. According to this design, lamp tubes **B** are fixedly mounted inside a casing **A**, and a diffuser board **C** is suspending above the lamp tubes **B**. This design of back light module is not satisfactory in function because the diffuser board **C** tends to curve inwards due to the effect of its gravity weight and ambient
15 temperature and moisture. FIG. 2 shows another design of back light module in which support members **D** are mounted inside the casing **A** to support the diffuser board **C** above the lamp tubes **B**. This design eliminates the drawback of the design shown in FIG. 1, however its manufacturing cost is high. Further, because
20 the support members **D** are respectively and perpendicularly fastened to the bottom wall of the casing **A** by a respective screw joint, it is difficult to keep the top ends of the support members **D** in flush.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention has been accomplished under the circumstances in view.
25 It is one object of the present invention to provide a back light module, which protects the diffuser board against deformation. It is another object of the present invention to provide a back light module, which is inexpensive to manufacture. To

achieve these and other objects of the present invention, the back light module comprises a lamp case, a plurality of lamp tubes fixedly mounted inside the lamp case, and a diffuser board fastened to the top open side of the lamp case and suspending above the lamp tubes. The diffuser board has a plurality of bottom support members formed integral with the bottom wall thereof and respectively stopped at the bottom wall of the lamp case to support the diffuser board against deformation.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention can be more fully understood by reference to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a sectional view showing a back light module according to the prior art;

FIG. 2 is a sectional view showing another design of back light module according to the prior art;

FIG. 3 is an exploded view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 4 is a sectional assembly view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, a back light module in accordance with the present invention is shown comprised of a lamp case 1, a plurality of lamp tubes (not shown) mounted inside the lamp case 1, and a diffuser board 2 fastened to the top open side of the lamp case 1. The lamp case 1 is preferably made of metal. The diffuser board 2 has a plurality of bottom support rods 21 respectively formed integral with and perpendicularly extended from the bottom sidewall thereof to a distance corresponding to the depth of the lamp case 1. The bottom support rods 21 are

equal in length (height). The bottom support rods 21 are preferably injection molded with the diffuser board 2 from acrylics.

When the diffuser board 2 covered on the top open side of the lamp case 1, the bottom support rods 21 are positively stopped at the bottom wall of the lamp
5 case 1 to support the diffuser board 2 in shape, preventing deformation of the diffuser board 2 due to the effect of ambient temperature and moisture.

A prototype of back light module has been constructed with the features of FIGS. 3 and 4. The back light module functions smoothly to provide all of the features discussed earlier.

10 Although a particular embodiment of the invention has been described in detail for purposes of illustration, various modifications and enhancements may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. For example, an independent battery case can be provided and detachably fastened to the cap body to hold the battery set. Accordingly, the invention is not to be limited except as by
15 the appended claims.